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5. JGO) Met with Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House
Armed Services Committee, and brought him up-to-date on the Senate
hearings on the Agency retirement legislation in response to his questions
concerning a requested actuarial projection of the Agency fund and the
projection of Agency retirement under CIARDS. I told him that I expected
the material would be ready the first of the week. He told me in all
probability the Committee will hold any further action until the Senate bill
is received even though 2100 has been approved by the Senate. He indicated
that he cannot forecast at this time whether the full 2100 will be approved by
the Committee.
We discussed in some detail the Defense Department planning for the
funding of through the closeout of these forces 30 June 1974.
Slatinshek told me his present recollection is that the Committee was assured
that no additional funds would be required over those already in hand and in
the pipeline. He asked if I would check the details for him and give him a
briefing on Monday to include the number of troops presently involved as
well as the number anticipated at each bench mark during the cutback.
FE Division, has been advised. 25X1
I briefed Slatinshek on the second new operational SA-2 at Khe Sanh;
Communist logistical system in Laos; Soviet Salyut space station; and the
Egyptian/Libyan airlift.

6. - JMM) Met with John Goldsmith, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, and reviewed with him the status of our legislation on the Agency retirement system. He spoke highly of the Director's presentation, and particularly of his candor in answering impromptu questions on the situation in Indochina and especially Cambodia.

Goldsmith feels the legislation is "off to a good start" but he is somewhat concerned that when it reaches the floor various troublesome amendments may be proposed such as some version of the old Cooper bill, to make intelligence information freely available to the Congress, or amendments restricting the Agency's special authorities or requiring publication of budget figures.

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